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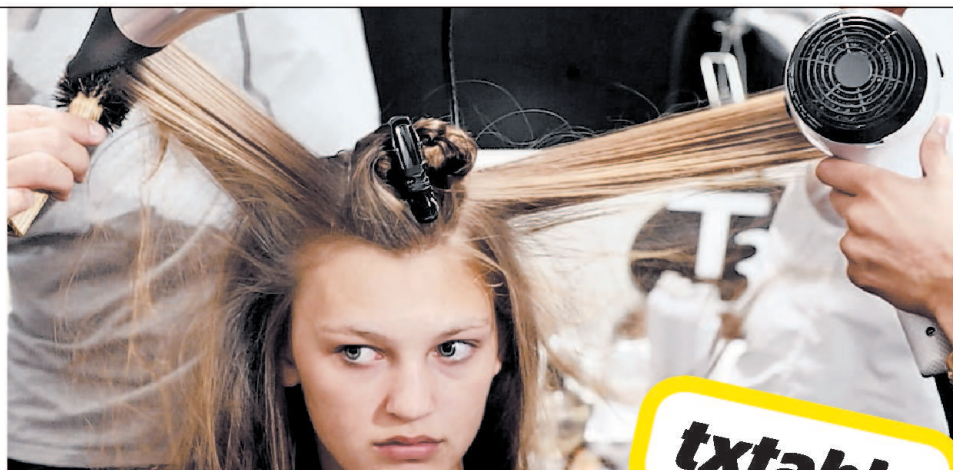
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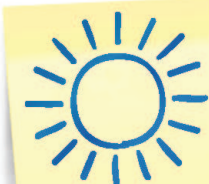
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## ODDBALLS

Cubs and White Sox fans can't agree on much, other than they both hate the team on the other side of town. But RedEye's "Oddball" bloggers Matt Lynch and Ryan Pedersen found five ways they can agree. Read their list at [redyechicago.com/oddballs](http://redyechicago.com/oddballs).



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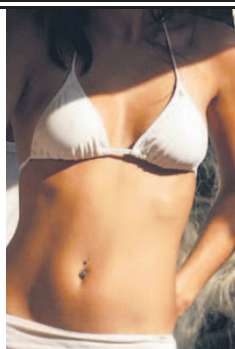
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O.J. Simpson (right) and his attorney Yale Galanter appear in court Monday in Las Vegas. GETTY IMAGES

# O.J. IN COURT

Jury selection begins in Simpson robbery-kidnapping trial

## Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS** Jury selection for O.J. Simpson's robbery-kidnap trial began Monday with the judge trying to head off any influence from the former football star's 1995 acquittal on double-murder charges.

Outside the presence of prospective jurors, Judge Jackie Glass rejected defense attorney Yale Galanter's request to ask if they thought Simpson was a murderer, and when the panel was brought in for questioning she sternly lectured the group.

"If you are here thinking you are going to punish Mr. Simpson for what happened in Los Angeles in 1995, this is not the case for you," she said.

"If you're looking to become famous because of your service in this case, write a book, then this is not the case for you."

Simpson and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart are accused of robbing two sports collectibles dealers at a Las Vegas hotel last year.

In the L.A. case, Simpson was found

## QUIET ARRIVAL

O.J. Simpson's arrival at the Clark County Regional Justice Center on Monday morning was much more subdued than previous appearances at the courthouse, with no protesters and few people to greet him.

He declined to answer questions, but smiled and waved when one person called out "Good Luck!" AP

not guilty of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. Simpson later was found civilly liable for their deaths.

"A significant issue is if you disagreed with that verdict in the criminal case, can you put aside your feelings about that verdict?" Glass asked the prospective jurors.

During initial questioning, two prospects said they could not put aside what they knew about the case and were dismissed.

A dozen others were dismissed from service in the projected five-week trial

because of hardship. They included students who had just begun new semesters and a man starting a new job.

When the 12-member panel and six alternates are seated, the prosecution will tell them that Simpson and Stewart walked into a Las Vegas casino hotel room on Sept. 13, 2007, with four other men and robbed two sports collectibles peddlers at gunpoint of items that Simpson said had been stolen from him.

Simpson, 61, now living in Miami, maintains he didn't ask anyone to bring guns and that he didn't know anyone in the room was armed.

He and Stewart have each pleaded not guilty 12 charges, including felony kidnapping, armed robbery, conspiracy, burglary, coercion and assault with a deadly weapon.

The stakes are high—a robbery conviction would mean mandatory prison time, and a kidnapping conviction carries the possibility of life in prison with the possibility of parole.

## FACEOFF

# Dunkin' Donuts vs. Starbucks

Dunkin' Donuts is reportedly looking to open four drive-thru locations at Chicago-area sites where Starbucks once planned to open stores, according to Crain's Chicago Business. Starbucks expansion plans were scaled back and the company announced in July that about 600 outlets, including 18 stores in the Chicago area, would be closed.

RedEye smells a face-off brewing between the two coffee giants. LEONOR VIVANCO, REDEYE



## Talking shop

### DUNKIN' DONUTS

More than 7,900 worldwide

### STARBUCKS

More than 15,000 worldwide

**Edge:** Starbucks simply is the world dominator in number of coffee shops.

## Money maker

### DUNKIN' DONUTS

More \$5.3 billion in sales in 2007.

### STARBUCKS

\$9.4 billion in revenues in 2007.

**Edge:** Money matters and Starbucks has got more of it.

## Yummy treats

### DUNKIN' DONUTS

Munchkins, doughnuts, bagels and sandwiches.

### STARBUCKS

Cookies, muffins, sandwiches, salads and even packaged fruit and cheese plates.

**Edge:** It depends on what you're craving. Some days you might want to indulge in a Boston creme doughnut, while the next day you want something lighter.

## Snappy slogans

### DUNKIN' DONUTS

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# Break out the beer; it's tailgating time

Recent CTA moves: touchdown or fumble?

"Going Public" is bearing down for football season, which for Da Bears literally kicked off Sunday with an official faceoff against the Indianapolis Colts. In the spirit of the season, I decided to have some football-esque fun with recent CTA developments. Here is some armchair analysis of two public transit plays, plus calls on whether they are good (touchdown) or bad (fumble) mass transit moves.

## THE PLAY: Verizon in the subway

By now, we've unintentionally memorized the tag line of the ubiquitous Verizon Wireless commercial: "Can you hear me now?" The answer used to be a resounding "no" for Verizon customers traveling CTA subways. Well, just a week ago, the CTA announced the beginning of a 10-year deal with Verizon that enables that cell provider's customers to use their phones underground. What does the CTA gain from allowing more cell yell? Approximately \$28,000 per month in leasing fees.

**Armchair Analysis:** With trains and buses already teeming with loud, obnoxious cell users, it'll be sad to lose the subway as a semi-sanctuary. Two years ago, U.S. Cellular first shattered the silence by signing a 10-year, nearly \$3 million contract to provide service in the CTA subway.

**The Call:** Touchdown. This latest deal, plus the U.S. Cellular setup, adds a little more moola to the CTA's coffers. It also is a welcome way to start recouping on an investment by the transit agency, which spent \$11.2 million building an infrastructure that primarily enhances communication with emergency providers in the subway and also enables wireless service for subway users.

## THE PLAY: Seatless on the CTA?

For some, the CTA already seems seatless, particularly if you board with the hordes during rush hour. The transit agency decided to formalize the process of riding sans seat as part of an experiment that could begin this month, according to what the CTA told the Tribune in July. Transit agency spokeswoman Wanda Taylor would not give GP the "L" lowdown, but said an announcement would be made "shortly." Brown Line riders would possibly be the public transit pioneers with the option of boarding up to two standing-room-only cars on 8-car trains during peak travel times, the Trib reported.

**Armchair Analysis:** This idea could squeeze 25 to 50 more riders into a car, according to the Tribune, and that's quite possibly a good thing for those of us who have been left behind by trains filled to the gills. Plus, this is as an experiment, though I'm a bit wary as the Pink Line was painted with a similar brush and seems to be sticking around despite disappointing some riders.

**The Call:** Fumble. The idea of riders being loaded onto a cattle car with no seats or aisle space just doesn't sit well with me. Here's hoping Brown Line capacity expansion and the accompanying longer trains will help the CTA transport more riders without snatching the seats out of cars.



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CTA President Ron Huberman (left) on Monday announces budget cuts. CTA chairman Carole Brown is seen at right. **CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE**

### BY THE NUMBERS

The CTA has announced \$40 million in internal cuts to balance this year's budget. Here's a look at some other numbers. **TRIBUNE**

## \$30 MILLION

The cost of free rides for nearly 100,000 senior citizens and others each day this year

## \$66 MILLION

The CTA's revenue loss expected next year

**80** Number of administrative jobs the CTA will eliminate

## \$4.9 MILLION

Expected savings to the CTA by eliminating the administrative positions by the end of the year

## 1,000

Number of CTA's administrative employees

## 11,000

CTA's approximate total workforce

## 92,000

Daily free rides the CTA provided in August to senior citizens

## 63,000

Rides that seniors took per day before Gov. Blagojevich mandated a change in fares

## 2,500

Free rides that active military personnel and disabled veterans are taking a day on the CTA

## 8 million

Possible increase in the number of free rides on the CTA after Blagojevich recently signed an executive order that extended the free rides to low-income disabled people, the CTA said

### TALK BACK

What do you think about the CTA's funding dilemma? Is the free-ride program helping or hurting mass transit in Chicago? Send your opinion—along with your full name, age, neighborhood and picture—to [ritaredeye@tribune.com](mailto:ritaredeye@tribune.com).

# Another CTA dilemma

## Free rides for seniors, high gas prices give CTA funding problems—again

### Chicago Tribune

A fare hike by the CTA is looking more likely next year as the transit agency, hit hard by free rides for senior citizens and rising gas costs, announced \$40 million in internal cuts to balance this year's budget.

"A fare increase has to be on the table" in 2009, CTA chairman Carole Brown said Monday.

The free rides for nearly 100,000 senior citizens and others each day will cost the CTA at least \$30 million this year and double that amount next year, according to projections based on soaring increases in non-paying riders.

The cuts unveiled Monday will eliminate 80 administrative jobs. In other cost-cutting measures, the CTA plans to reduce employee overtime pay, postpone all non-critical spending and trim bus maintenance costs, said CTA President Ron Huberman.

A decision on hiking fares will be made after next Monday when the Regional Transportation Authority sets the CTA's funding levels for 2009, Huberman said.

### No help from G-Rod

Gov. Blagojevich vetoed more than \$16 million in reduced-fare subsidies this year for the CTA in order to reduce the state budget deficit. The funding, which existed before the free-rides program, was intended to partially reimburse the transit agency for revenue lost through reduced fares for senior citizens and disabled riders.

The losses will double to \$32 million for the CTA in 2009 unless the state subsidy is reinstated, officials said.

Further straining the CTA's bottom line, the RTA already has warned about lower-than-expected revenue from a state sales tax increase that the legislature approved in January for Chicago-area transit.

Huberman said cutting service next year would be "very unlikely," pointing to the need to accommodate a healthy growth in ridership.

But the burgeoning number of free rides, coupled with high fuel prices and the loss of state reduced-fare subsidies that Gov. Blagojevich vetoed, are expected to prompt more severe cost-cutting in 2009, Huberman said.

The CTA provided almost 92,000 free rides

each day in August to senior citizens, the highest total since Blagojevich mandated the change effective March 17. Previously, seniors paid reduced fares and took about 63,000 rides per day.

Also, active military personnel and disabled veterans are taking about 2,500 free rides a day on the CTA due to action by the City Council.

Furthermore, an executive order recently signed by Blagojevich extended the free rides to low-income disabled people. That could result in another 8 million free rides each year, the CTA said.

All the free rides and lost state subsidies total more than \$30 million in lost revenue to the transit agency this year, Huberman said. The revenue loss is expected to grow to \$66 million next year, he said.

The number of people taking advantage of the free-rides offer is expected to continue increasing as more people apply for an RTA free-rides card that passengers must present when boarding buses or trains.

The 80 CTA administrative positions that will be eliminated by the end of the year, saving \$4.9 million, come on top of about 140 administrative jobs cut earlier. The CTA has about 1,000 administrative employees on its work force of about 11,000.



# chicago

## Researchers for institute say 16 is too young to drive

### Chicago Tribune

It's a question that could reverberate across the country, wherever a new teen driver is turning a key in an ignition.

Is 16 the right age to get a driver's license?

Researchers for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety say the answer is no, and they point to statistics to back up the position that raising the driving age makes sense and would save lives.

The insurance institute has pressed the question for years. At this week's annual meeting of the Governors Highway Safety Association in Scottsdale, Ariz., Institute President Adrian Lund is going to push it further. Although Lund doesn't expect to lobby state legislatures, he said Monday he will advocate for a higher minimum driving age in his speech Tuesday.

The institute's 17-page report collects research on the minimum driving age from the United States and countries that have higher licensing ages.

The research shows states are making progress in reducing the No. 1 killer of teens—motor vehicle crashes—through graduated driver licensing.

The laws ease restrictions on teen drivers as they gain experience and keep a clean driving record.

In recent years Illinois has enacted teen driving reforms, many of them after the Tribune's "Teens at the Wheel" series in 2006 examined ways that fatalities might be reduced.

The state reforms included doubling the number of adult-supervised hours required behind the wheel to get a driver's license and tripling the length of time a new teen driver must possess a learner's permit. Some credit those changes for significant declines in teen driving deaths in the first seven months of this year.



***I don't think it matters what age you are, as long as you have the practice and experience.***

**LINNEA GRECI**

Hinsdale Central High School sophomore

Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis (far right) discusses a new student safety program on Monday while Kelia Malone, 17, (from left) Dyett High School Dean Rosalyn Bennett and Dyett Principal Jacquelyn Lemon look on.

CHERYL A. GUERRERO/TRIBUNE



## School safety patrol

Plans to curb violence announced after 2 teens killed since start of school

### Chicago Tribune

Faced with the first two killings of Chicago Public Schools students this academic year, officials from the district and the city's Police Department on Monday unveiled beefed-up safety initiatives designed to help reduce the number of students injured or killed in street violence.

Chicago Public Schools Chief Arne Duncan was joined by Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis at Dyett High School on the city's South Side, where both men said the initiatives are needed to help tamp down violence that killed 12 city students during the summer. Over the weekend, two 17-year-olds were the first two students from the district killed since school started Sept. 2. During the 2007-08 academic year, 26 city students were killed, 23 of them by gunfire.

The schools are Dyett, Douglass, Gage Park, Harper, Sullivan, Crane, Phillips, Richards, Hirsch and Fenger High Schools. The schools were chosen for a variety of reasons, including geography. Some schools were chosen because of past problems. Police said that a student from any school in the city may text a tip to the police.

"The bottom line is that students know

### PLAN SPECIFICS

The measures include:

- » Having the police more aggressively enforce the city's curfew. Curfew hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays and from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekends apply to those younger than 17.
- » Increasing the number of police at schools where violence is brewing to offer "safe passage" to and from schools.
- » Beefing up patrols near CTA bus and train transfer spots.
- » Introducing a new cell phone text option to give students at 10 pilot schools a way to secretly text police about concerns at their school or neighborhoods. Police Supt. Jody Weis called on students to message anonymous tips from their cell phones to CRIMES (274637) and begin the message with the letters "CPD." Officials are offering \$1,000 for tips leading to arrests.

who the bullies and gangbangers are; we want to know that too," Weis said. "In recent weeks, unspeakable tragedies that have claimed the lives of innocent victims have outraged all of us as educators and law

enforcement. We must do what we can to prevent violence against our children."

This year, the Chicago Public Schools increased the number of surveillance cameras, Duncan said. Currently, there are 333 schools with camera systems, with most of them in the process of being linked to police headquarters and the Office of Emergency Management and Control.

The announcement came after the first two students of the 2008-09 school year were killed.

Ordero Hillard of the 5200 block of South Marshfield Avenue was pronounced dead at 12:30 a.m. Sunday at the scene in the 7100 block of South Paulina Street, police said. Hillard, a 9th grader at Las Casas Occupational High School, had been in a quarrel with a man who shot him and fled, witnesses told police.

Corey Hatter, a 10th grader at Marshall High School, was shot at 6:45 p.m. Friday in the 1500 block of West 69th Street. A juvenile has been charged with his murder.

"It's still a challenge in the communities. All of us have to continue to work together so our children can be safe," Duncan said.



**Boot vote delayed**

Aldermen delayed a committee vote Monday on Mayor Daley's controversial plan to boot vehicles with just two delinquent parking tickets, according to the Tribune's "Clout Street" blog. Currently, three unpaid tickets trigger the boot. The City Council's Finance Committee put off consideration of the change at the request of the Daley administration, said the committee's chairman, Ald. Edward Burke (14th). Burke said he did not know why the administration did not want his committee to vote on the plan Monday.

**Assaults and rape drug linked?**

Tinley Park police are investigating whether two sexual assaults involving a date-rape drug are connected, officials said Monday. A 26-year-old woman told police last week that she was sexually assaulted after leaving a bar Aug. 23, officials said. Another woman reported being sexually assaulted Aug. 28, and both women believe they were given a date-rape drug, police said. Police urged people to keep an eye on their drinks and not to accept drinks from strangers.

**Arson suspected in South Side fire**

An apparent arson fire heavily damaged three South Side buildings early Monday but no one was hurt, fire officials said. The fire broke out in a boarded-up two-story brick building in the 9300 block of South Cottage Grove Avenue and spread to two buildings to the south, said Fire Cmdr. Will Knight. Arson investigators were called in because the original fire appeared to have started in three separate areas of the vacant building, Knight said.

**Chicago man killed in vehicle crash**

A Chicago man was killed and a second man was critically injured in a one-vehicle crash early Monday on the Southwest Side at 55th Street and South Kedzie Avenue, authorities said. The driver of the car lost control, struck a curb and then a tree before slamming into a light pole, said Police Officer Amina Greer. Killed was Leopoldo Gonzalez, 28, of the 6500 block of South Kostner Avenue, officials said.

**Ex-Tribune editor moves to U. of C.**

Ann Marie Lipinski, former editor of the Chicago Tribune, will become vice president for civic engagement at the University of Chicago, effective Oct. 1, the university announced Monday. According to Robert Zimmer, university president, Lipinski will lead in developing and representing the relationship of U. of C. with the City of Chicago and the region. Also, she will become chairwoman of the board of the University of Chicago Charter School in January and teach policy and journalism as a senior lecturer.

## CANDIDATES IN CHICAGO

**MORNING:  
Obama takes daughters to first day of school**

Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama held his daughters' hands when he escorted them to their first day of school on Monday.

The girls arrived at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools in a five-SUV motorcade after a short drive from their South Side home.

It was the first day of classes for 10-year-old Malia, a 5th grader, and 7-year-old Sasha, in 2nd grade. They'd spent some of their summer on the campaign trail with their dad.

"The 5th grader didn't really want me to go up to the classroom, but I went," Obama said with a smile at an event a few hours later in Flint, Mich. "She's still daddy's girl."

Clad in a black track suit, Obama walked his daughters through the side doors of the ivy-covered school building just before 8 a.m. before heading to a gym.



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**EVENING:  
McCain to net \$4 million at fundraiser**

Republican presidential contender John McCain's visit to Chicago Monday may have lasted only a couple of hours, but it apparently will be time well spent.

According to the Tribune's "Clout Street" blog, local organizers of McCain's fundraising event at a downtown hotel said they expect to net a minimum of \$4 million for the campaign. Event fees range from \$1,000 for the general reception, \$5,000 for a smaller reception and photo with the candidate and a \$25,000 intimate dinner.

The event is described by local McCain supporters as one of a handful of regional big-bucks fundraisers for the Republican contender.

State Rep. Jim Durkin of Westchester, who is heading up McCain's effort in Democratic rival Sen. Barack Obama's home state of Illinois, said ticket sales have surged since Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was named the GOP running mate just over a week ago as well as her address to delegates at last week's Republican National Convention in St. Paul. Palin was not scheduled to attend the fundraiser with McCain.

## Internet-fueled panic sinks stock

A nearly six-year-old article circulating on the Internet as breaking news about United Airlines caused a brief 75 percent drop in the airline's stock Monday, highlighting a potential peril about how information travels in the modern world.

The steep sell-off in United's shares came after a news service in Florida distributed an old story posted on the South Florida Sun-Sentinel Web site six years ago.

The story was distributed by Income Securities Advisors to a market information site operated by Bloomberg. Monday's re-circulated story gave the appearance that United had filed for bankruptcy protection again.

In fact, the story was originally published Dec. 10, 2002 by the Chicago Tribune, marking the airline's decision at that time to seek protection from creditors. Both the Chicago Tribune and Sun-Sentinel are owned by Tribune Co.

For a brief time Monday investors panicked over the notion that Chicago-based United had again filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Moments after a headline for the story hit Bloomberg, one of the most closely watched financial news sites, shares in United stock fell from about \$12 a share to a low of \$3, prompting a halt in trading of United stock.

Trading resumed roughly an hour later, after United issued a statement calling the report "completely untrue." United "continues to execute its previously announced business plan to successfully navigate through an environment marked by volatile fuel prices and continues to have strong liquidity," the statement said. The company said it is launching an investigation.

The events unfolding at light speed showed how quickly information—and confusion—can spread on the Internet. And to some experts, the episode highlights the dangers posed by a lack of standards and attention to detail in the Internet age.

"This is a big warning call about the importance of quality control in the digital era," said Robert Steele, a media ethicist at DePauw University.

## By the numbers

Illinois State Police say 2008 may be the least deadly year on Illinois roadways in recent history. Some of the decline in traffic fatalities could be attributed to more drivers and passengers wearing seat belts, Master Sergeant Brian Ley said.

**681**

Number of traffic fatalities so far this year, as of Friday

**172**

Fewer fatalities so far this year compared with the same period in 2007

**1,248**

Number of traffic deaths in 2007—the lowest number since 1924, when there were far fewer cars on the road



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# Got a fat gene? Just be active for 4 hours a day

## Associated Press

Maybe you CAN blame being fat on your genes. But there's a way to overcome that family history—just get three to four hours of moderate activity a day.

Sound pretty daunting?

Not for the Amish of Lancaster County, Pa., who were the focus of a new study on a common genetic variation that makes people more likely to gain weight. It turns out the variant's effects can be blocked with physical activity—lots of it.

Scientists believe about 30 percent of white people of European ancestry have this variant, including the Amish, and that may partly explain why so many people are overweight.

But fighting that fat factor may be easier in the Amish community's 19th century rural lifestyle. They don't use cars or modern appliances. Many of the men are farmers and carpenters, and the women, who are homemakers, often care for several children.

The researchers found that Amish people with the genetic variant were no more likely to be overweight than those who had the regular version of the gene—as long as they got three to four hours of moderate activity every day. That

included things like brisk walking, house-cleaning and gardening.

And while physical activity is recommended for just about everyone, the study suggests that people with the gene variation need to be especially vigilant about getting exercise.

"These findings emphasize the important role of physical activity in public health efforts to combat obesity, particularly in genetically susceptible people," the authors wrote in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

Study co-author Dr. Soren Snitker of the University of Maryland acknowledged that it's unrealistic to expect most people to shun modern conveniences and return to a 19th century lifestyle for the sake of staying trim.

But he said every little bit helps, and that adding an extra few hours of activity daily might not be as hard as it seems.

Instead of watching TV for a few hours at night, take a brisk walk, he suggested. Or take the stairs instead of elevators, walk instead of drive, or take up a structured exercise such as swimming.



About 30 percent of white people of European descent have a genetic variant that makes them more likely to gain weight, according to scientists. GETTY IMAGES FILE

# MSNBC shakes up its prime-time anchors for elections

## Associated Press

**NEW YORK** MSNBC is replacing Keith Olbermann and Chris Matthews as co-anchors of political night coverage with David Gregory and will use the two newsmen as commentators.



**Olbermann**



**Matthews**



**Gregory**

The change reflects tensions between the freewheeling, opinionated MSNBC and the impartial news gatherers at NBC News. Throughout the primaries and summer, MSNBC argued that Olbermann and Matthews could serve as dispassionate anchors on political news nights and that viewers would accept them in that role, but things fell apart during the conventions.

Gregory, the veteran Washington hand, will anchor MSNBC's coverage of the presidential and vice presidential debates and election

night, network spokesman Jeremy Gaines said Sunday.

The tipping point appears to have come during the GOP convention when Olbermann criticized MSNBC for showing a Sept. 11-themed video prepared by the Republicans.

MSNBC executives, who had publicly defended their anchors' roles while privately monitoring them throughout the political season, made the change over the weekend after discussions with Olbermann. Despite the controversy around him, Olbermann

## FAMILY DRAMA

All the drama made MSNBC a punch line when top NBC anchor Brian Williams appeared on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" last week. "Is there no control?" host Jon Stewart asked him. "Is it 'Lord of the Flies?'"

A sheepish Williams said that every family has a dynamic of its own. "But does MSNBC have to be the Lohans?" Stewart said. **AP**

has been a hero with left-leaning viewers and keyed MSNBC's growth among coveted young viewers.

During her acceptance speech last week, Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin talked about the "Washington elite" not accepting her qualifications for the job. Some delegates on the convention floor began chanting, "N-B-C, N-B-C."

Olbermann began to have difficulty keeping his opinions in check, or simply stopped

trying.

He sarcastically dismissed GOP pundit Pat Buchanan on the air after Buchanan said the Republicans had been enlivened by the entrance of a conservative Republican.

"Those reading US Weekly with the picture of her and her youngest daughter with the word 'scandal' written across it won't be so happy," Olbermann said.

He expressed little sympathy at another point when GOP anger at rumors over the Internet about Palin were being discussed.

"We'll see if people feel sorry for unfounded rumors on the Internet," he said. "If that's the case, Senator Obama's probably standing up and cheering and waiting for people to feel sorry for him."

Perhaps most embarrassing, Joe Scarborough was discussing positive developments in John McCain's campaign at one point when Olbermann was heard on an offstage microphone saying: "Jesus, Joe, why don't you get a shovel?"



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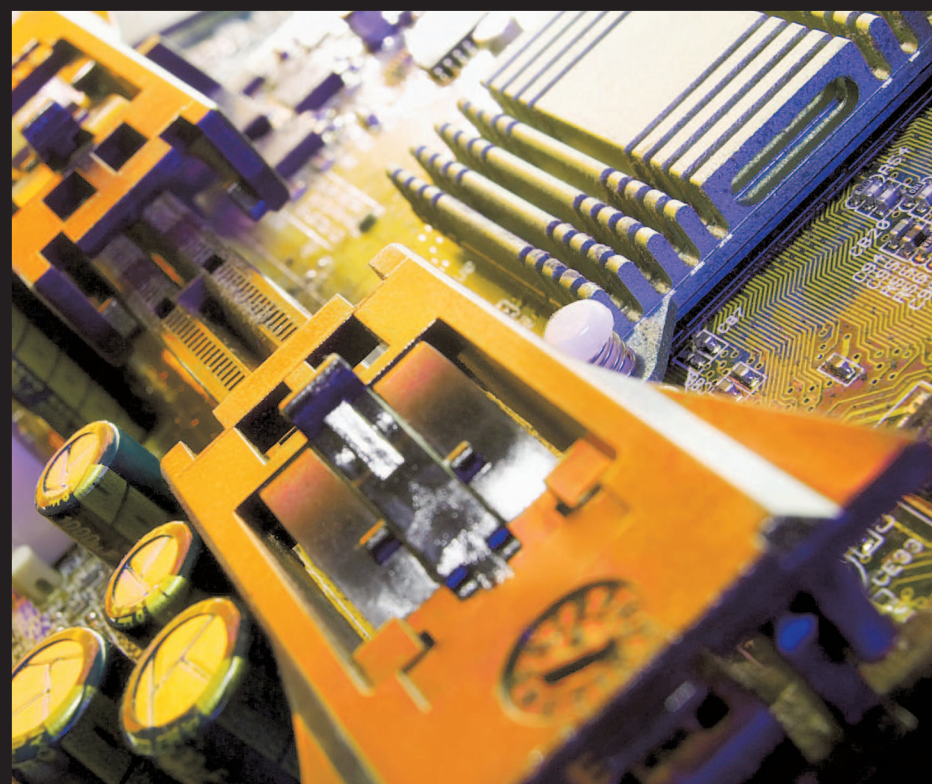


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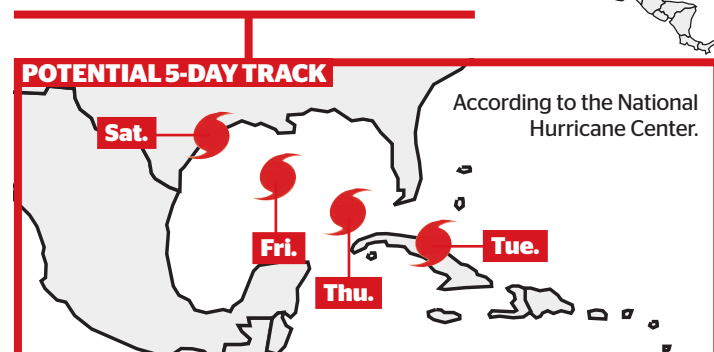
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# Ike packs a wallop

**7 CAMAGUEY, Cuba** A man rides his bicycle Monday under heavy rains produced by Hurricane Ike. Ike's winds and massive storm surge ripped apart houses and toppled trees Monday as the deadly storm roared across Cuba. **AP**



## Bush challenges country to volunteer

**8 WASHINGTON** President Bush challenged the nation Monday to rekindle the volunteer spirit it had after the worst terrorist attacks in U.S. history, when people rushed to help others however they could.

"The truth of the matter is, the farther we've gotten away from 9/11, that memory has begun to fade," Bush told an audience of volunteers on the South Lawn.

"And some are saying, 'Well maybe I don't need to volunteer. Maybe the crisis has passed.' The aftermath of 9/11 isn't nearly

as intense as it was," Bush said. "My call to people is, there's always a need. You should be volunteering not because of 9/11; you should be volunteering because our country needs you."

Bush spent most of his comments praising the strength of volunteerism around the country. But his call to service, coming on the week of the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, underscored worries that volunteering can tend to drop off after big tragedies.

### BUSH'S WISH

The White House event also gave Bush a platform to tout what aides say is a little-known part of his legacy. In 2002, Bush created USA Freedom Corps, a program that helps connect people to volunteer opportunities. It also helps bolster the many national service programs that existed before he took office. Since then, the White House says, the number of volunteers has jumped by more than 1 million people.



KARL MERTON FERRON/BALTIMORE SUN

### 1 Baltimore blaze

A four-alarm fire burns Monday at the historic Edmondson Village Shopping Center in Baltimore. According to the Baltimore Sun, firefighters extinguished the smoky blaze after three hours. Several shops were damaged.

### 2 Life for baby's death

A woman was sentenced Monday in Dayton, Ohio, to life in prison without the chance for parole for burning her baby daughter to death in a microwave after fighting with her boyfriend. The judge lashed out at 28-year-old China Arnold, who opted to watch her sentencing from a side room on a monitor.

### 3 NYC civil suit

A civil rights group sued the New York Police Department on Monday seeking to learn more about a plan to use license plate readers and a network of 3,000 surveillance cameras to help protect lower Manhattan from terrorist threats.

### 4 Military exercise

Russia said Monday it will send a naval squadron and long-range patrol planes to Venezuela this year for a joint military exercise in the Caribbean, an announcement made at a time of increasingly tense relations with the U.S.

### Al Qaeda tape

Al Qaeda marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks with an hour and a half video message Monday summarizing the state of jihad, or holy war, around the world and slamming Iran for collaborating with the U.S.

### 5 Terrorism case

Three men were convicted Monday in London of conspiracy to murder in a terrorist bombing campaign, but the jury could not reach a verdict on allegations they plotted to use liquid explosives to down trans-Atlantic airliners.

### DIGIT

# 59

**6** Age of a woman who gave birth to triplets over the weekend by Caesarean section after going abroad to get donated eggs, hospital officials in Paris said Monday.



# sports

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"I hope that everyone who bashed the Bears in preseason (there were about a million of you) will own up and admit you know nothing about football beyond what you watch as a couch-potato-fan on television. ... You'll be the first morons who cheer Forte earning the rookie of the year award, yet you were bashing every member of the team in August. And you call yourself 'fans.'" —MARK FOX

## Who is that kid?

Chicagoans got a first look at Matt Forte ... and liked what they saw. Fans have seen a number of recent Chicago rookies perform well in the past couple of seasons, but how did some of them do in their debuts?

### Here's a comparison:

**Matt Forte, RB, Bears**  
**Sunday:** 23 carries, 123 yards, 50-yard TD  
He's the first Bears rookie running back to start an opener since Walter Payton in 1975.



**Patrick Kane, RW, Blackhawks**  
**Oct. 4, 2007:** No goals, no assists; two shots on goal  
Finished the season with a team-leading 72 points (21 goals, 51 assists)



**Alexei Ramirez, 2B, White Sox**  
**March 31:** 0-for-4 with 3 strikeouts  
He's batting .301 with 16 HRs and 64 RBI.



**Geovany Soto, C, Cubs**  
**March 31:** 0-for-2 with a strikeout and 2 walks  
He's batting .290 with 21 HRs and 80 RBI.



**Joakim Noah, C/F, Bulls**  
**Nov. 6, 2007:** 0-4 FG, 2 pts., 3 blocks, 1 steal  
Finished the season averaging 6.6 points, 5.6 rebounds **REDEYE**



**Bears running back Matt Forte takes the ball in for a touchdown against the Colts during their game Sunday night.** NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE



**"Forte looks like a dream come true after the long Benson nightmare." —WILL**

# Toast of the town

**Bears' Forte, defense in opener praised**

## Associated Press

Their defense struggled and the offense faced a long line of questions.

Then the season began.

The Bears certainly looked impressive in the opener after a rough preseason, beating Indianapolis 29-13 in the Colts' first regular-season game in their new stadium.

Chicago's defense displayed the dominating form it showed in 2005 and 2006, wreaking havoc on Peyton Manning. The offensive line held its ground after undergoing an offseason makeover. Kyle Orton backed up coach Lovie Smith's decision to go with him over Rex Grossman, completing 13 of 21 passes for 150 yards and no interceptions.

Then, there was Matt Forte.

The Bears rookie running back carried 23 times for 123 yards—50 on a first-quarter touchdown run in which he broke a tackle and then outran reigning defensive player of the year Bob Sanders.

"I got a lot of calls from friends back home," Forte said Monday.

He also got a few pats on the back from his teammates, although he wasn't the only one to earn them.

"Defense played great, special teams played great, and we moved the football still," Orton said. "That's how we are going to win games."

On a throwback night, the rookies made an impact.

Defensive tackle Marcus Harrison, backing up Tommie Harris, set up the safety with a sack on Manning.

Forte, the second-round pick from Tulane, set a club record for yards rushing by a debuting rookie. He also set the tone with his big scoring run. He burst through the middle as right guard Roberto Garza knocked down linebacker Gary Brackett, then eluded defensive back Antoine Bethea and outran Sanders to the end zone.

And when Sanders and Clint Session

## BEARS HITS

Anthony Adams spent most of the preseason as the starter, but Dusty Dvoracek got the nod against the Colts. Coach Lovie Smith said Adams was healthy but pointed to a seven-man rotation on the defensive line. "There's only so many guys who can dress. Anthony is one of our guys," defensive coordinator Bob Babich added.

» Smith commended his offense's performance on third down against the Colts. The Bears were 10 of 16 for 63 percent.

» Smith on Lance Briggs' 21-yard fumble return for a TD: "He did a great job of getting the ball in the end zone, went back to his old, probably, Pop Warner days when he played running back to get it in." **TRIBUNE**

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## HE SAID IT ...

**"They did what we expected them to do. It's about execution. It really wasn't anything special. I don't want to take anything away from them. ... They played an excellent game and executed well."**

**BOB SANDERS**  
Colts safety



delivered a vicious hit after a second-quarter reception, Forte didn't stay down too long. He returned after a few plays.

"It was very important to get back in the game because we were running the ball well, so I didn't want to stay out long and affect the drive or anything," he said.

# Tough breaks

Tom Brady is gone. Just accept it. You'll meet someone else. It won't be the same, but eventually you'll move on.

Brady's fantasy owners have to feel jilted after the Patriots quarterback and fantasy juggernaut went down with a devastating knee injury. The loss of Brady doesn't necessarily spell doom. Here are some options to help soothe the pain, along with some other free agent prospects.

## PICKUPS

**Matt Schaub, QB, Texans**  
(202 passing yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; 1 TD run)

If he's available, and he shouldn't be, he's serviceable even in a blowout loss.

**Matt Cassel, QB, Patriots**  
(152 passing yards, 1 TD, 0 INT)

He's no Brady, but he still has Randy Moss, Wes Welker, Ben Watson ...

**Trent Edwards, QB, Bills**  
(215 passing yards, 1 TD, 0 INT)

Stats are never sexy, but he has a lot of unheralded targets who have upside.

**David Garrard, QB, Jaguars**  
(215 passing yards, 1 TD, 2 INT)

Expect his 35 pass

attempts (tied for 6th highest) to come down, but at least he's no caretaker of the run.

**Tim Hightower, RB, Cardinals**  
(13 rushing yards, 1 TD)

As suspected, he already vultured a short-yardage TD from Edge.

**Jerious Norwood, RB, Falcons**  
(93 yards, 6.6 average, 1 TD)

Ironically, he's playing the Michael Turner role ... behind Michael Turner.

**Dante Rosario, WR, Panthers**  
(96 receiving yards, 1 TD)

The buzzer-beating TD catch might be a fluke, but 7 catches is 7 catches.

**DeSean Jackson, WR, Eagles**  
(6 catches, 106 yards)

Unlike teammate Hank Baskett, who got most of his yardage in one chuck, Jackson was D-Mac's top target.

**Anthony Fasano, TE, Dolphins**  
(84 receiving yards, 1 TD)

8 catches on 9 looks. It's official: If you're a tight end, Chad Pennington is your friend.

**Matt Jones, WR, Jaguars**  
(6 catches, 80 yards, 0 TDs)

After years of collecting underachieving wideouts, does Jacksonville finally have a go-to guy?



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## LETDOWNS

**Steven Jackson, RB, Rams**  
(40 rushing yards, 0 TDs)

This is why you don't spend a top 5 pick on a player whose team reeks.

**Carson Palmer, QB, Bengals**  
(99 passing yards, 0 TDs)

He's just an up-and-down player by nature, but expect more down against Tennessee.

## NFL HITS

# Brady news rocks NFL

The 2007 NFL Most Valuable Player will miss the entire '08 season with a left knee injury that needs surgery, the team said Monday. That leaves the Patriots without one of the game's great quarterbacks and severely damages their hopes of a return trip to the Super Bowl.

Coach Bill Belichick would not say what the injury is, but the play, Tom Brady's reaction and the prognosis all point toward a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"As a team we all just have to do our jobs. That really doesn't change," Belichick said Monday, a day after Brady's knee collapsed under him when he was hit by Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard in a 17-10 victory over Kansas City. "He played one position, he played it very well. We have somebody else playing that position now."

Matt Cassel, who guided New England to its 20th consecutive regular-season victory after Brady was hurt, will start Sunday against the New York Jets. "I'm not trying to be Tom Brady. I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel," he said when subbing for Brady on his regular weekly radio show. "I don't know where that's going to take us."

» Seahawks WR Nate Burleson is out for the season because of a knee injury.

» Aaron Rodgers passed his first test as Green Bay's new QB, throwing for 178 yards and a TD and scoring on a game-clinching sneak in a 24-19 victory over Minnesota Vikings on Monday night.

» The Raiders-Broncos game in Oakland did not finish before press time



**When you lose a marquee player like that, the whole league suffers. People like to watch the stars in this league. That's who they come to see."**

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# Strohl on in

Rahula Strohl is now part of **chicago tribune.com/sports**. He didn't move, the Web site just changed. Sign up at [redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive](http://redeyechicago.com/fiveonfive).

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<b>1</b> What will Bears rookie Matt Forte do for an encore?	Probably get injured to punish me for my Patriots schadenfreude.	Challenge Obama to a duel of miracles.	Building Forte Bragg until he runs so fast he officially becomes airborne.	Re-enact Sunday's win with trained dolphins. That means you too, Chad Pennington!	"Every Breath You Take" and "Freebird."
<b>2</b> Who suffers the most from Tom Brady's season-ending injury?	Only the forces of evil. Today is the best. Day. Ever.	Thousands of fantasy owners who just choked on their Cheetos.	Gisele. I bet it's hard loving a guy who's now out.	Butt Chin Enthusiast magazine.	The cadaver who will donate him a new knee ligament.
<b>3</b> If Lance Armstrong comes out of retirement, then ...	... it'll be more like Jordan with the Wizards than with the Bulls part II.	... by law he has to start dating Sheryl Crow again.	... "The 8th time's the charm" will be That Guy's new pick-up line.	... who is Matthew McConaughey gonna catch tasty waves with? Not cool, brah.	... I'll have to resume not caring about the Tour de France.
<b>4</b> It's jury selection for the O.J. case. If you were his lawyer, what would you ask?	Did I fall asleep in Doc Brown's DeLorean or something?	"Do you realize that he knows where you live?"	"What would you say it feels like to be under attack?"	"Uh, none of you understand the concept of evidence, do you?"	For \$200,000 in punitive and compensatory damages. But I'm just a caveman.
<b>5</b> Why is Tiger Woods one of Central Florida's biggest water consumers?	Because Gatorade Tiger doesn't actually hydrate you.	That's because of his Water Pik bill for those big choppers.	There are always plenty of jugs when Tiger's around.	Dunno. I thought he filled his pool with money and his fountains with Gatorade.	Along with God, he co-owns the Atlantic Ocean.

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- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:30, 4:40
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- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:20
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00

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- **Man on Wire** (PG-13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
- **Bottle Shock** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20, 9:50
- **Brideshead Rev** (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
- **Tell No One** (NR) 2:10, 5:15, 8:15
- **Gay Sequel** (NR) 1:40, 4:20, 7:40, 10:15

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- **College** (R) ★ 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) ★ 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10
- **Traitor** (PG-13) ★ 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55
- **Death Race** (R) (Closed caption) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
- **Fly Me 3-D** (G) 12:45, 3:30, 6:20, 9:00
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:20, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:20, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:40
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 3:40, 6:05, 7:00, 9:20, 10:20

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- **Traitor** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
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- **Traitor** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
- **Death Race** (R) 1:15, 2:20, 4:45, 6:15, 7:20, 9:45
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:00, 2:05, 3:15, 4:25, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:05, 10:00
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 2:45, 5:05
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:20
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG-13) 3:35, 9:15
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 3:05, 6:20, 9:30
- **WALL-E** (G) 1:30 P.M.

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- **Space Chimps** (G) 2:05, 3:40, 5:20, 6:55, 8:30
- **Sex & City** (R) 2:15, 5:30, 8:20
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40
- **WALL-E** (G) 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:10

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- **I Served** (R) 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
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- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50
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- AMC Select **I.O.U.S.A.** (PG) 3:10, 7:30
- AMC Select **Sixty Six** (PG-13) 1:00 P.M.
- AMC Select **Transsiberian** (R) 5:10 P.M.
- **Ripple Effect** (R) 1:30, 3:40, 5:45, 8:00

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- AMC Select **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
- **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 10:10
- **College** (R) 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
- **Traitor** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45
- AMC Select **Hamlet 2** (R) 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
- **Death Race** (R) 1:05, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25
- **Fly Me 3-D** (G) ★ 2:50, 7:45
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 2:05 P.M.
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:15
- AMC Select **Elegy** (R) 1:10, 9:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:35, 5:35, 8:35
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG-13) 3:05 P.M.
- **Step Brothers** (R) 7:30, 9:50
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 6:50, 8:30, 9:30, 10:10
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:45
- **Journey-Center** (PG) ★ 5:15, 10:10
- **WALL-E** (G) 2:10 P.M.

**CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)**  
7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie  
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- **Bangkok Dngr** (R) ★ 1:10, 2:20, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30
- **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) ★ 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
- **College** (R) ★ 1:00, 6:50
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) ★ 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
- **Sixty Six** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:40
- **Hamlet 2** (R) ★ 3:50, 9:50
- **Traitor** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:00, 6:40, 9:30

**WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)**  
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago  
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- **Death Race** (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20
- **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 12:20, 3:10, 6:15, 8:45
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:00, 12:40, 2:40, 3:30, 5:15, 6:10, 7:50, 9:00, 10:40
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:30, 5:30, 8:20
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG-13) 12:30, 6:20
- **Mamma Mia** (NR) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 10:15
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:50, 8:20
- **Journey-Center** (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20
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- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 11:15, 12:40, 1:50, 3:30, 4:40, 6:20, 7:30, 9:10, 10:15
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 11:00, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG-13) 10:40, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
- **Mamma Mia** (NR) 10:20, 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40
- **Step Brothers** (R) 11:40, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 11:50, 12:20, 3:10, 3:40, 6:30, 7:00, 9:50, 10:20
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

**KERASOTES CICERO SHOWPLACE 14**  
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- **Bangkok Dngr** (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00
- **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) 2:30, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
- **College** (R) 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
- **Hamlet 2** (R) 12:40, 3:30, 6:40, 9:20
- **Traitor** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 10:15
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:10, 3:50, 6:15, 8:50
- **Death Race** (R) 12:50, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
- **Mirrors** (R) 12:30, 3:20, 6:10, 9:10
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:20, 4:40, 7:15, 10:30
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:10, 5:10, 7:50, 10:40
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG-13) 6:45, 9:55
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 3:10, 6:30, 9:50

**KERASOTES CICERO SHOWPLACE 14**  
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- **Bangkok Dngr** (R) ★ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
- **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) ★ 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30
- **College** (R) ★ 7:45, 10:15

**KERASOTES CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (continued)**

- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
- **Traitor** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
- **The Longshots** (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
- **Death Race** (R) 12:50, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 2:30, 5:10
- **Mirrors** (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
- **Mummy-Tomb** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:20, 6:10, 8:50
- **Step Brothers** (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 3:10, 6:30, 9:45

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- **Hamlet 2** (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
- **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35, 9:45
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30
- **Fly Me 3-D** (G) 12:30, 3:40, 6:30, 8:30
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40
- **Mamma Mia!** (PG-13) 6:45, 9:10

**EVANSTON CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)**  
1715 MAPLE AVE.  
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- **Bangkok Dngr** (R) ★ 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
- **I Served** (R) ★ 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:20
- **Babylon A.D.** (PG-13) ★ 12:15, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
- **College** (R) ★ 4:05
- **Death Race** (R) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30
- **Disaster Movie** (PG-13) ★ 12:30, 5:50, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50
- **Elegy** (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
- **Frozen River** (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
- **Hamlet 2** (R) ★ 11:55, 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
- **Pineapple Exp** (R) 11:40, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:15
- **Sisterhood-2** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 7:20, 10:05
- **The Dark Knight** (PG-13) 11:25, 12:40, 2:45, 6:10, 8:10, 9:35
- **The House Bunny** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55
- **Traitor** (PG-13) ★ 12:50, 4:00, 7:20, 10:00
- **Transsiberian** (R) 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
- **Tropic Thunder** (R) 11:50, 1:45, 2:30, 4:25, 5:20, 7:05, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25
- **Vicky Cristina** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40



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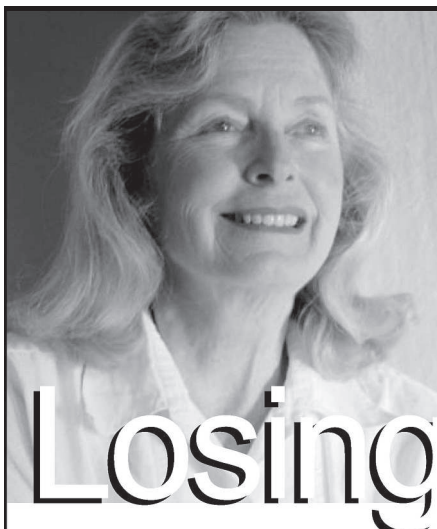


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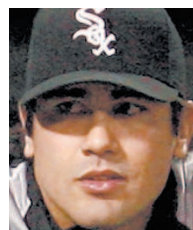
The White Sox game vs. the Toronto Blue Jays was rained out Monday night.

» Surgery on Carlos

Quentin's fractured right wrist was declared a

success Monday, but that didn't raise manager Ozzie Guillen's hopes that his top slugger would return before the end of the season. "I don't think I'm going to count on him until the year is over," Guillen said after Quentin (pictured) underwent outpatient surgery at Rush University Medical Center.

» The White Sox will host "Chicago Blackhawks Night" when they take on the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday. Activities include a pregame party and parade for Blackhawks season ticket-holders, visits by Blackhawks players and legends, an outdoor TV broadcast by White Sox announcers Ken Harrelson and Darrin Jackson from the Fan Deck above center field and a rare midweek, postgame fireworks show.



**Next series**  
at St. Louis

**Tuesday:** 7:15 p.m., WGN-Ch. 9. RH Ryan Dempster (15-6, 2.99) vs. RH Kyle Lohse (13-6, 3.76).

**Wednesday:** 7:15 p.m., CSN. LH Ted Lilly (13-9, 4.43) vs. RH Braden Loeper (12-11, 4.09).

**Thursday:** 7:15 p.m., CSN. RH Rich Harden (4-1, 1.50) vs. RH Todd Wellemeyer (12-6, 3.74).



Discussions are under way to determine whether the NHL will have control over the rooftop decks overlooking

Wrigley Field when the Blackhawks play the Detroit Red Wings in the Jan. 1 Winter Classic.



A YouTube video posted this summer of Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis speaking at a booster brunch the

day of the team's spring game has got Michigan fired up. When Weis addressed the game against Michigan, he spoke of the Wolverines coming with "excuses" and punctuated it by saying, "To hell with Michigan." Wolverines defensive end Tim Jamison said Monday that the quote is "plastered all over our training room."



**Up next**  
vs. Washington

**Tuesday:** 7 p.m. WVON (1690-AM)

# Armstrong back pedaling?

Lance Armstrong's reported comeback won't take place with the Astana cycling team.

"He is no part of our team," Astana team press officer Philippe Maertens told The Associated Press in an e-mail. "Team Astana has no plans with him."

The cycling journal VeloNews, citing anonymous sources, reported on its Web site Monday that the 36-year-old seven-time Tour de France champ would compete in the Tour and four other road races with Astana in 2009.

But Astana team director Johan Bruyneel, who was with Armstrong for all seven Tour wins from 1999-2005, told **cyclingnews.com** that he was unaware of any Armstrong comeback.

"I don't know where the rumors come from," the Web site quoted him as saying.

Maertens said rumors that Armstrong might come out of retirement had been circulating for a few weeks.

"I cannot tell you more," Maertens said in the e-mail. "You better ask him."

Armstrong did not immediately respond to a text message or voice mails left by the AP. Armstrong's manager Mark Higgins and Bruyneel also did not respond to voice mails left by the AP.

George Hincapie, a longtime Armstrong teammate, would not comment Monday afternoon following the first stage of the Tour of Missouri.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency confirmed Armstrong is part of its out-of-competition testing pool and would be eligible for elite competition on Feb. 1, 2009. The Amgen Tour of California begins Feb. 14.

USA Cycling said Armstrong has not applied for an international cycling license, but chief operating officer Sean Petty said Armstrong typically did not request such a license until January or February.

## U.S. OPEN Federer takes title

Roger Federer beat Andy Murray 6-2, 7-5, 6-2 Monday to win his fifth consecutive U.S. Open championship and 13th Grand Slam title overall. He moved within one major championship of tying Pete Sampras' career record of 14.



Lance Armstrong crosses the finish line of the Leadville 100 mountain bike race Aug. 9 in Leadville, Colo. He came in second. **AP PHOTO**

## Tiger loves water

Tiger Woods knows his way around a water hazard on the golf course, but is he a hazard to water? The Orlando Sentinel reports Woods used 107,000 gallons of water at his Orange County, Fla., home in April. But he's not alone. Grant Hill used 263,000 gallons in May, and Dwight Howard used 189,000 gallons in July at their Florida homes. Most households use less than 10,000 gallons and pay average water bills of \$20 per month.



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# Flight school

## 5 samplers to broaden your horizons

By Lisa Balde

If you're guilty of ordering the same thing every time you go out, here's your chance to widen your scope without committing to one new drink or entrée. We broke our own Guinness-'n'-burger habit with these eye-opening flights.



### 1 Wine flight Fion Wine and Spirits

426 W. Diversey Pkwy.  
773-549-5400

Unlike wine bars that pre-package their flights, new wine and beer spot Fion opens its sampler trio (\$15) to most anything on its seasonally changing menu. The variety can seem daunting, but Fion combats that glazed-over feeling with a staff that's trained to pick tasters for you—and teach you a few things about your wine palate along the way.

**Our flight:** Three perfect pours courtesy of Fion's specialty wine-cooling system (above). Sommelier Kristopher Samiec hooked us up with tastes of sweet California whites: Noble House riesling, Don Olegario albarino and Alexander Valley New Gewurz.

**Extra credit:** Look for Fion's shot and beer specials coming soon.

### 2 Cupcake flight May Street Market

1132 W. Grand Ave. 312-421-5547

Step outside of the Funfetti cupcake realm with May Street Market's Flight of Cupcakes (\$6), three moist mini-muffins baked and frosted daily. Gourmet though they may be, these pastries work as a dessert or paired with a chocolatini in the lounge.

**Our flight:** The earl grey-iced lavender cake and chocolate with peanut butter icing topped our past pastry experiences, and the carrot cupcake with orange ginger frosting made us spice-cake believers.

**Extra credit:** Three or four cheese sampling courses (\$16 and \$20, respectively) featuring cheese from Sprout Creek Farms in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

### 3 Bloody Mary flight Bin Wine Cafe

1559 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
773-486-2233

Think bloody marys come in only one shade of red? Think again. Bin Wine Cafe's Bloody Mary Flight (\$12) rolls out four internationally influenced flavors that'll broaden your hot-sauce threshold and introduce tequila and wasabi into your hangover-cure book of tricks.

**Our flight:** Four ladies—Italian Mary, Asian Mary, Consuela Mary and hometown gal Bucktown Mary—graced our table in three-ounce tasting portions (a lot more Mary than it sounds). Our fave? The parmesan and basil-topped Italian version.

**Extra credit:** Mimosa Flight (\$12), featuring flavors such as pineapple and peach.

### 4 Sushi flight Ai Japanese Restaurant

358 W. Ontario 312-335-9888

California rolls? Bah. The plump cuts of fish that dominate Ai's three flight options aren't for fans of imitation crab. But if you want a crash course in nigiri sushi, go with the salmon and tuna flights (\$12-\$29.50, below) or the toro flight (\$32) for proof that the most tender part of tuna can melt in your mouth.



**Our flight:** We barely could get our chopsticks around the toro and tuna flights' generous cuts of pure-white tuna lined atop pads of rice



Why settle on just one glass of wine when Fion's choose-your-own flight lets you pick three?  
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and served with ginger and wasabi. So long, maki rolls.

**Extra credit:** Sake, baby. Choose from five diverse flights (\$9-\$18).

### 5 Beer flight Paramount Room

415 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
312-829-6300

Craft beer culture is here to stay. Bone up on your brew know-how with a three-

beer draft sampler (\$7) from Paramount Room's ever-changing selection on tap. This lounge prides itself on stocking eclectic beers ranging from Belgium's Blanche de Brussels to the suburbs' own Two Brothers Cane and Ebel. Pick your own or ask the bartender to choose.

**Our flight:** We put our flight in the hands of our server, who chose La Chouffe

Spiced Golden Ale, 3 Floyds Gumballhead and Goose Island Matilda. We upgraded to pints of 3 Floyds and La Chouffe.

**Extra credit:** Any of the 20-plus bottled craft beers should do. Or go beyond the flight and try a new brew in an 8-ounce "shorty" glass.

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Le Lan, 749 N. Clark St. 312-280-9100.

Like it or loathe it, the City Council says foie gras is no longer a faux pas, so liver lovers can get their goose on at the **Foie Gras Wine Dinner**. Feast on four courses from chef Bill Kim with wine pairings. On the menu: foie gras dumplings with tea-smoked quail and poached figs; seared foie gras with bay scallops, pea shoots and a lemon-truffle vinaigrette; foie gras creme brulee with berries; and more. 7:30 p.m. \$115.

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The Viaduct, 3111 N. Western Ave. 773-296-6024.

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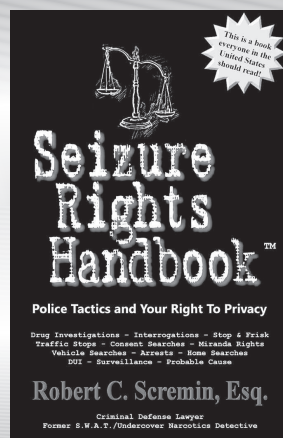
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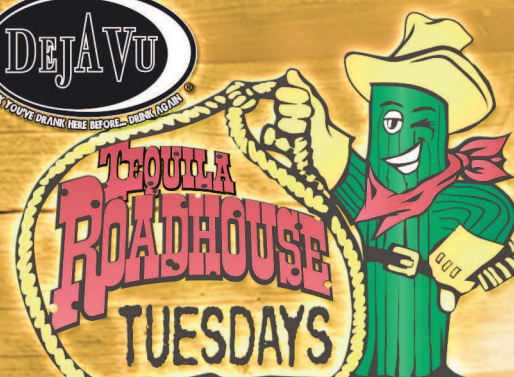
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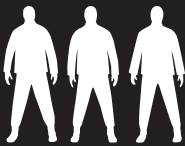
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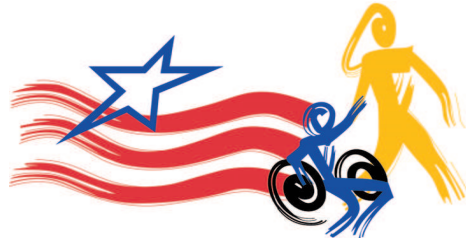
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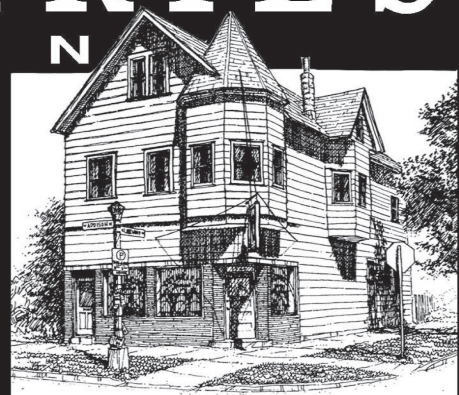
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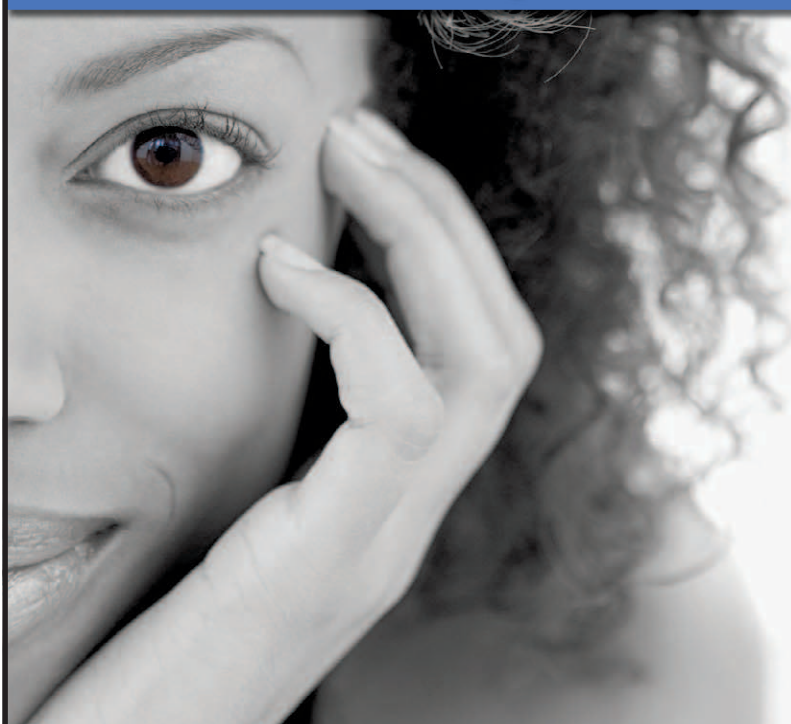


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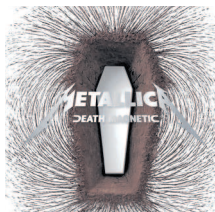
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# Mega 'Death'

## Metallica returns to classic form on new CD



**Metallica**  
"Death Magnetic"

!!! Believe it or not, Metallica is very far from dead.

Chipping its teeth on the punishing thrash it helped give birth to, Metallica regresses in the best way on the highly anticipated "Death Magnetic."

Following 2003's painfully weak "St. Anger" and a self-obsessed documentary ("Some Kind of Monster") which alienated longtime fans, James Hetfield, Lars Ulrich and Co. are more metal here than they've been since 1988's "And Justice For All."

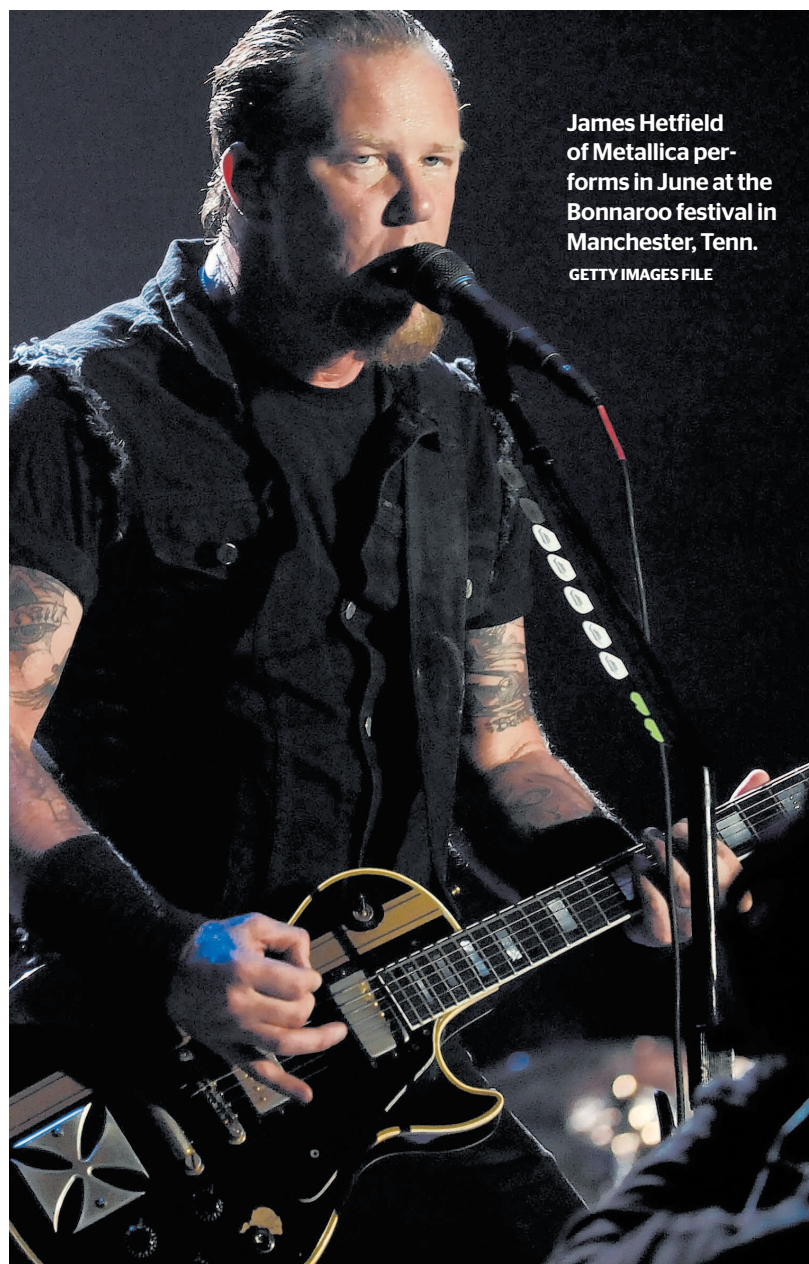
Rick Rubin, who revitalized several veteran acts, from Neil Diamond to Johnny Cash to the Dixie Chicks, has stepped in and breathed new life into the band. Is "Death Magnetic" on par with Metallica's classics? No, but this is as close as they'll ever come to the epic songs they once churned out with ease.

Disc opener "That Was Just Your Life" kicks off softly with shades of "(Welcome Home) Sanitarium" before exploding with a trademark Hetfield staccato riff.

From there the thrash and complex arrangements just keep coming in waves.

After keeping Kirk Hammett's lead guitar on the shelf for "St. Anger" (how could they NOT use him?) his shredding, dynamic solos remain otherworldly. And then there's Ulrich, whose drums are once again thunderous, and Robert Trujillo's bombing bass holds it all together.

The lyrical scope attempts a backward leap to Hetfield's cryptic 1980s approach, but it meanders a bit and doesn't contain one truly soaring moment. However, with an assault unlike any they've offered in 20 years, complaining about that seems like crying over spilled milk. **JOHN KOSIK, AP**



James Hetfield of Metallica performs in June at the Bonnaroo festival in Manchester, Tenn.

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## IN STORES NOW



**Jessica Simpson**  
"Do You Know"



No one will mistake any of

the 11 songs on Jessica Simpson's country debut as boot-scooting honky-tonk or dirt-road country rock. Simpson handles her vocals with careful professionalism, but there's nothing that distinguishes her voice or her musical direction from other country newcomers. At her best, as on "Still Don't Stop Me," Simpson suggests she has potential to be a more singular artist than she's proven. But from the first hit, "Come On Over," to the religious-based "Pray Out Loud," there's little here to propose she is ready to compete with Carrie Underwood or Taylor Swift. **MICHAEL MCCALL, AP**



**Gym Class Heroes**  
"The Quilt"



It's not unusual for a band to

lose its unpredictability on its third album, but on "The Quilt," much of the Gym Class Heroes' fire is gone too. The rough edges are smoothed out, working with R&B hit maker The-Dream on the single "Cookie Jar" and band hero Daryl Hall on "Live For'ever" for workable but more or less ordinary pop tracks. The stylish "Guilty as Charged" with Estelle is the best of the band's new direction tracks. Unfortunately, that's not enough. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

## CD RACK

Also in stores this week:

- » Eric Benet, "Love & Life"
- » Michael Franti & Spearhead, "Modern Guilt"
- » Hal Ketchum, "Father Time"
- » LL Cool J, "Exit 13"
- » Meiko, "Meiko"
- » Joan Osborne, "Little Wild One"
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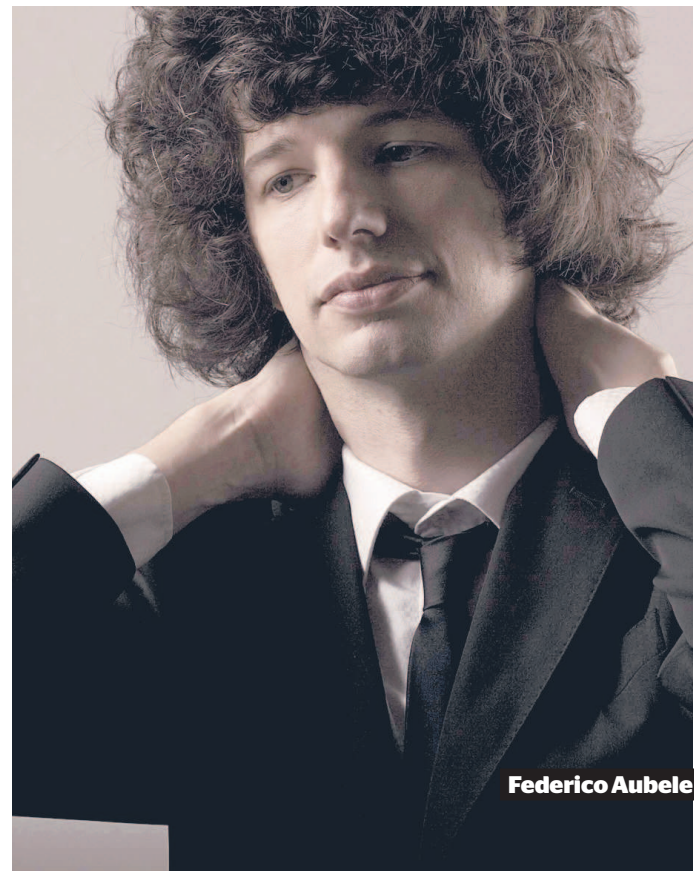
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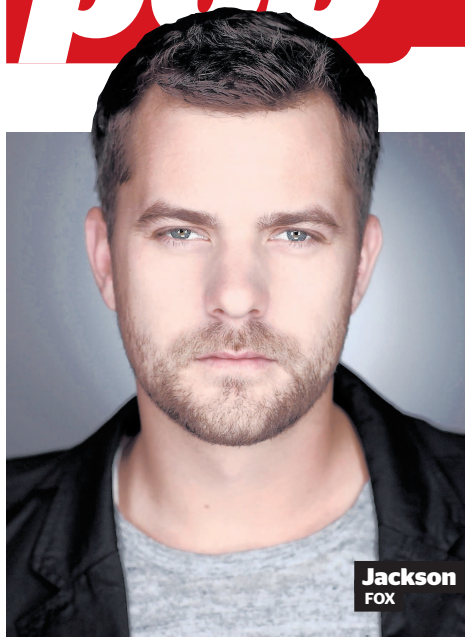
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## Jackson back on the small screen

By Curt Wagner  
REDEYE

It's been five years since "Dawson's Creek" dried up, and Joshua Jackson hasn't looked back.

"TV is exhausting," Jackson told reporters during a recent conference call. "It takes a little while to recover."

The 30-year-old, who played Pacey Witter on "Creek," apparently has rebounded. He returns to series TV in "Fringe," J.J. Abrams' new thriller debuting at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Fox.

Jackson plays Peter Bishop, the son of brilliant but nutty scientist Walter Bishop (John Noble). The Bishops team with FBI agent Olivia Dunham (Anna Torv) to investigate odd phenomena that may be the work of scientists at shady corporate powerhouse Massive Dynamics.

"It was this project specifically that drew me back to TV," Jackson said. "Frankly, first it was the quality of the script ... and the fact that even while it was a totally satisfying story unto itself, you can see that it was laid in there, the potential for a whole world, a whole universe of other stories."

Jackson has concentrated mostly on film work since "Creek" ended in 2003. He's happy to be back to the weekly series grind, especially considering Abrams' involvement.

"J.J. [is able] to tell these stories well over a long period of time. Because that was my hope, if I ever came back to television, to be part of a group of people who had the track record of being able to keep shows at a high level of quality over a long period of time."

"I think he's the best on TV at that right now." CWWAGNER@TRIBUNE.COM

## Inside J.J. Abrams' head

Here's a look at some of the things that have sprung from the mind of writer/director/producer/actor/creator J.J. Abrams.

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executive  
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# Easier TV

## J.J. Abrams' 'Fringe' offers complexity without commitment

### New York Times News Service

If you've ever been baffled by a TV show that J.J. Abrams had a hand in creating—too confused to follow the serpentine plot twists of "Lost" or "Alias" or, heck, even "Felicity"—know that Abrams has been annoyed too. With you.

"I just got tired of hearing people say to me, over and over, 'Yeah, I was watching it, but I missed one, I got really confused, and I stopped watching it,'" he said in a recent phone interview.

If viewers find this kind of show frustrating, it's Abrams' own fault: He practically invented it. Over the past decade, the 42-year-old writer, producer and director has helped pioneer a storytelling style that demands total commitment from audience members.

It is a strategy that has built cult followings for Abrams' series and won him praise for his braininess. Yet even he recognizes that when it comes to recruiting new viewers, it's about as effective as proposing to go steady on a first date.

"If you start going out with someone and immediately they're like, 'Look, we have to see each other every week,' you run from that person," Abrams said. "It's like, 'Can't we just see how it goes?'"

Abrams is especially mindful of the TV-series-as-relationship metaphor as his latest endeavor,

"Fringe," is set to premiere at 7 p.m. Tuesday on Fox. "Fringe" is an hourlong drama about an investigative team whose explorations lead to a shadowy world of science fiction and potentially evil corporations.

It is also Abrams' attempt to rectify the narrative—and viewer attention span—problems he faced on previous shows and to synthesize the many lessons he has learned from them into a series that is both complex and accessible, and that is capable of arriving at a determined conclusion over an undecided number of episodes.

### FRINGE INSPIRATION

J.J. Abrams, Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci, creators of the new Fox series "Fringe," drew on some of their favorite shows to come up with the new sci-fi drama. At San Diego Comic-Con in July, they listed several, including:

» **TV shows:** "The Twilight Zone," "The X-Files," "Kolchak: The Night Stalker," "Twin Peaks"

» **Films:** "Altered States," "Westworld," "Coma" **CW**

In 2007 he was preparing to direct the new "Star Trek," but he also owed a TV series to Warner Brothers, the studio that produces "Fringe," and he turned to "Trek" screenwriters Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci for help. They traded ideas about beloved fantasy films and TV series, but also looked carefully at procedural crime dramas dominating the networks.

"When six of the Top 10 shows are 'Law & Order' and 'C.S.I.," Orci said, "you have to be a fool not to go study what it is that they're doing."

Cross-pollinating these genres, they came up with three characters—a neophyte FBI agent (Anna Torv), a brilliant but mad scientist (John Noble) and his wayward son (Joshua Jackson)—who solve a mystery each week.

As the "Fringe" creators further developed the show, they decided it should have an overarching narrative—that its many paranormal phenomena and mysteries would turn out be part of a larger pattern—to tie its individual episodes together.

## Weird science

### The entertainment is out there with 'Fringe'

The opening minutes of Fox's "Fringe" may seem just a little familiar to you, but don't think creator J.J. Abrams is ripping himself off.

"Fringe," the "Lost" co-creator's latest vehicle, begins its 95-minute pilot at 7 p.m. Tuesday on board a Boston-bound airplane flying through turbulence. Instead of crashing onto an island, it lands safely.

There's just one problem: Everyone onboard is dead, their flesh turned to goo by a dangerous synthetic virus.

That event sets off an FBI investigation that leads no-nonsense special agent Olivia Dunham (Anna Torv) to Peter Bishop (Joshua Jackson), the brilliant but wayward son of Walter Bishop (John Noble), a brilliant but mad scientist who has spent the last 20 years in an insane asylum. Olivia needs Peter to spring his dad from the asylum so the two of them can help her save another agent's life—and stop the virus.

With the help of Walter, Olivia takes LSD, submerges herself into a sensory deprivation tank and communicates with a comatose FBI agent to learn the identity of the man who poisoned him and the airline passengers.

Sounds crazy, right? It is—and that's fine. "Fringe" is all about weird science, including teleportation, reanimation, mind control—the kind of things that blur the line between science fiction and science fact. Throw in a juicy conspiracy involving a global corporation and you've got all the elements of "The Twilight Zone," "The X-Files" and movies like "Altered States."

Now Abrams and crew need to build on the premiere's excitement, not get too bogged down in murky mythology and keep the out-there surprises coming.



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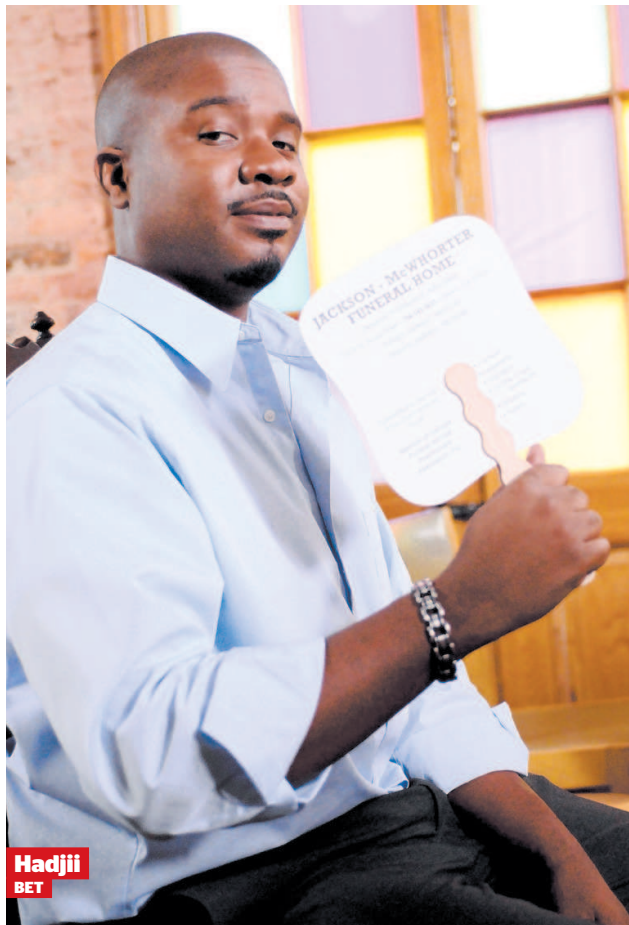
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# The new 'Somebodies' on TV

Creator, actor, producer Hadjii launches BET's first scripted show

## Associated Press

Many college students see the diploma that awaits them as their ticket to success. For Scottie, a perennial undergrad who's having too much fun to be concerned with success, that diploma would be more like his eviction notice.

Scottie is the happy-go-lucky hero of "Somebodies," a new comedy series premiering at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday on BET. It's billed as the first scripted series in BET's 28-year history.

With mostly black characters, it has a funny, fresh angle on student life that should ring true for anyone who ever faced adulthood with let's-don't-be-too-hasty misgivings.

This is Scottie's brand of aversion. He's a party-going, churchgoing, easygoing guy whose unhurried journey of self-discovery is informed by kooky people with conflicting advice on the route he should take. They include his saucy ex-girlfriend and his four razzing housemates ("I got sperm that's gonna finish college before you do!").

There's a fire-and-brimstone preacher, various eccentric family members, and new acquaintances such as Epitome, the outspoken founder of a campus black pride group whose acronym, B.O.N.C.E.R.S., is pronounced "bonkers" ("There ain't nothing more insane than a black man with a plan," Epitome cackles.).

When Scottie drops by his college counselor's office hoping to change his major again, she rips into him for never finishing anything he starts. Her warning for where this could lead escalates into a rant that smacks of an updated "Ya Got Trouble"

from "The Music Man":

"Government assistance! Welfare! Rims that cost more than the car! Thirty-three-year-old grandparents! Sneaking chicken into the movie theater! Red Kool-Aid stains around the baby's mouth!"

Scottie's reaction? A mix of bemusement and sheepish acknowledgment that there's some truth in what she says.

One other thing sets "Somebodies" apart: Hadjii, the mono-monikered whiz who created it, wrote all 10 half-hours, directed several, serves as an executive producer, stars as Scottie—and did it all not in Hollywood or New York, but in cozy Athens, Ga., where he attended the University of Georgia, then, after graduation, made his home.

He also made Athens the home for "Somebodies," which was filmed there this summer.

"All I ever wanted to do was write," said Hadjii, explaining that filmmaking and acting "kind of happened like a natural progression."

Now he wonders if a natural progression will draw a white audience and other crossover viewers to sample his new series. Even luring older blacks could be a challenge, he said with a laugh. "They don't really fancy BET much. They just look at it as the boogie-woogie channel.

"But I think it's a channel that SHOULD be discovered," he said, "and it would be nice to play a part in that. It's my own little way of trying."

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Chances are when you ask the initial question about dining out it's probably, "What do you feel like eating tonight?" And according to the National Restaurant Association the answer is commonly one of the big three—Asian, Mexican or Italian.

There is a terrific trend nationwide to cre-

ate more authentic internationally inspired dishes, and happily they're often much lighter and healthier than the Americanized versions. One delicious case in point: Asian lettuce or cabbage leaf wraps instead of deep-fried egg rolls.

Here's a tasty travel guide to navigating three of the most popular world cuisines.



**ASIAN**

- >> Start off with soup such as hot and sour or miso soup (left) to curb your appetite.
- >> Enjoy the green tea. Research links it to appetite control.
- >> Use chopsticks. It'll slow you down.
- >> Ask that your dish be stir-fried using less oil.
- >> Ask that food be steamed. Instead of fried pot stickers order steamed dumplings. Get steamed vegetables.
- >> Forgo fried rice. Choose steamed brown rice.
- >> Limit how much sauce you use, since sauces are usually high in sodium.



**MEXICAN**

- >> Start off with gazpacho (left) or black bean soup (watch the sour cream garnish).
- >> Watch out for mindless tortilla chip eating.
- >> Go for big flavors from salsa, picante sauce, pico de gallo and salsa verde. All are made with little or no fat.
- >> Ask that cheese and sour cream be left off or served on the side and add a touch for flavor.
- >> Choose pinto beans or black beans instead of refried beans (1 cup contains 500 calories!).
- >> Tortilla tip: Corn tortillas contain 40 fewer calories than flour tortillas. Also, fajitas with grilled beef, chicken or shrimp are a good choice because you can control how much cheese or sour cream you put on each tortilla.



**ITALIAN**

- >> Start off with minestrone soup, an Italian vegetable soup classic.
- >> Avoid pastas stuffed with cheese. Enjoy flavors of freshly grated parmesan sprinkled on top.
- >> Be sauce-savvy. Alfredo sauce is made with butter, heavy cream and parmesan cheese. Marinara and pomodoro tomato-based sauces are much lower in calories.
- >> Avoid an oil spill. Yes, olive oil is heart-healthy. But it's still all fat. Beware the dish of olive oil for dipping your bread.
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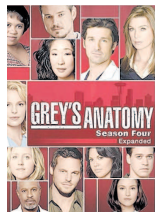
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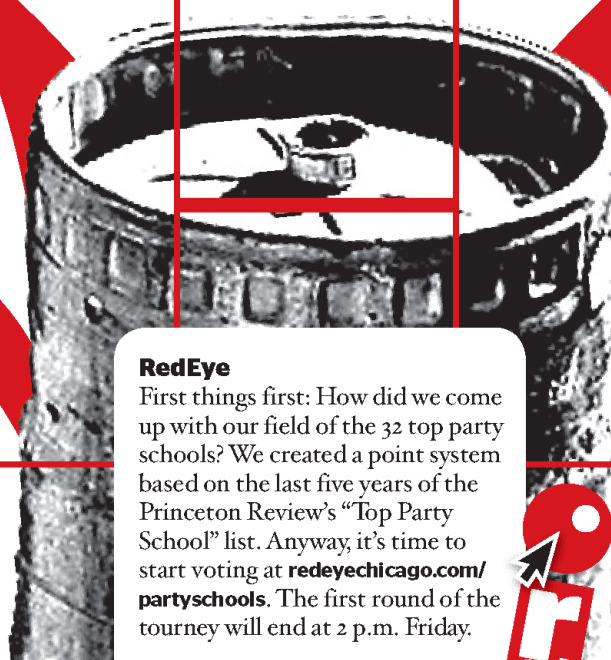
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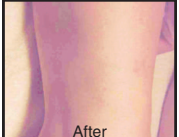





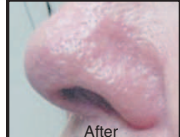
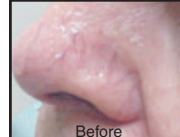
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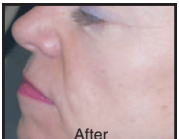
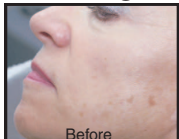
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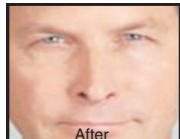
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# Hops to it

Jason Biggs dishes about his favorite suds

Every once in a while, a celebrity nugget comes across the Whoville news desk that is just too good to pass up.

Political expose? Earth-shattering scientific discovery?

Hardly.

We're talking about news releases, people—from trade publications.

Today, we have dispatch from the September/October issue of Draft magazine, which boasts that it has the "largest subscription and circulation base of its kind, offering the highest quality beer and beer-related content available on the market." And New Jersey native Jason Biggs, who stars in the upcoming rom-com "My Best Friend's Girl" with Dane Cook and Kate Hudson, is the cover man.

Beer? Biggs? We just had to share. Here are a few excerpts from the magazine's interview—in which the word "beer" or some variation of it is mentioned no fewer than 16 times, and in which we learn that the former "American Pie" star was once a Natural Light man.

**What was the New Jersey thing when it came to drinking beer?**

Once we all turned 21, the one big beer-drinking thing was when we would come home—and we still do this occasionally—we would go to this local bar in town the night before Thanksgiving.

**What was your beer of choice back then?**

Basically, whatever the cheapest was. We're talking about Natural Light, otherwise known as Nattie Light. It's basically water with a little bit of hops and bubbles. Milwaukee's Best—we'd call it Milwaukee's Beast. That was a tried-and-true beer. There was the occasional Pabst Blue Ribbon. And always in a can; cans were the way to go, of course.

**In your new movie, "My Best Friend's Girl," you play the love-struck Dustin. Does he like drinking a beer every now and then with the boys?**

Oh yeah. In fact there are a couple of scenes when he's sucking back on a cold one. I think we actually had Bud. My and Dane Cook's characters are hanging out and having a few beers.

**The inevitable question: What beer would you have with a slice of apple pie?**

That is hilarious! Well, let's see, with a slice of apple pie, I'd probably go with a Michelob Amber Ale or a Sam Adams Oktoberfest because I figure that's seasonal—October and apples and apple pie. It's autumnal.

Biggs  
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## Suds and buds

Whew! All this beer talk is making us thirsty. Brings to mind a few characters who are always up for throwing back a cold one ...

**The gang on 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia'**

**Watering hole:** Paddy's Irish Pub

**Peter Griffin**

**Watering hole:** The Drunken Clam

**'My Boys' crew**

**Watering hole:** Crowley's

**'How I Met Your Mother' cast**

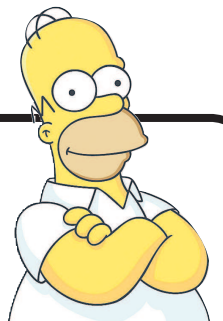
**Watering hole:** MacLaren's

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# Skin is in on 'SNL'

If one cast member on "Saturday Night Live" has her way, Michael Phelps' appearance on the season opener this weekend won't leave much to the imagination.

"He's gonna be naked in all the sketches I write, for sure," comedian Kristen Wiig (right) joked to People magazine recently.

Of course, Wiig isn't leaving out the possibility of some costume-centric comedy for the rather ripped Olympic gold medalist swimmer.

"There are some people that you can just picture with a wig on and it's funny," she said. "He's one of those people."



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## Everything A-OK

So, Jennifer Aniston, how are things going since the split with John Mayer?

"Things couldn't be better," the actress (right) told People magazine at the Toronto International Film Festival on Sunday.

"Busy, but it's great." Reporters also asked Aniston, who is promoting new film "Management," where she finds her inner strength, according to the magazine.

Her reply? "Waking up every day."



## End of an era?

Is Keira Knightley turning in her swashbuckling gear? The star of new movie "The Duchess" tells "Access Hollywood" that she's not likely to revive her "Pirates of the Caribbean" role any time soon. "I think it was wonderful and an amazing opportunity and those films were just extraordinary and I was extremely lucky to be a part of them," Knightley says. "But no. I think my pirating days may be over."

## AWESOME/AWK-WARD

**AWK-WARD:** Jerry O'Connell talking about his wife—again. It's worse than watching "Carpoolers."

**AWESOME:** Toronto ... and its film festival. Thanks, publicity-seeking celebs, for keeping us up to date!

**AWK-WARD:** A robotic-yet-successful Britney Spears at the VMAs. Only slightly less creepy than host Russell Brand and his hair.



**AWK-WARD:** Talking about the Jonas Brothers' virginity. File under: One more reason not to discuss the Jonas Brothers.

**AWESOME:** Leighton "Gossip Girl" Meester working on an album—"for real this time." Finally, Heidi Montag has some competition.

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## Celebrity twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send your pic along with the name of the celeb who shares your style to [jxwalsh@tribune.com](mailto:jxwalsh@tribune.com). For Tuesday, we have Patrick Wade. Think he is a ringer for David Cook? Text "wade" and the number of your opinion to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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## Lost in space

Space, the final frontier—and possible future home to Stephen Colbert's DNA?

The comedian's genetic code will be digitized and sent to the International Space Station, The Associated Press reports. In October, video game designer Richard Garriott will travel to the station and deposit Colbert's genes for an "Immortality Drive."

"I am thrilled to have my DNA shot into space, as this brings me one step closer to my lifelong dream of being the baby at the end of '2001,'" Colbert said in a statement, referring to "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The stunt apparently is part of a promotion for Garriott's video game Tablula Rasa, which features a "humanity's last stand" sort of story line.

"In the unlikely event that Earth and humanity are destroyed, mankind can be resurrected with Stephen Colbert's DNA," Garriott said in a tongue-and-cheek statement. "Is there a better person for us to turn to for this high-level responsibility?"



## Cougar 101: An introduction

Don't call her Fox—call her cougar.

"I am a woman in my 40s that the younger guys have a tendency to be attracted to," Vivica A. Fox, 44, recently told New York magazine. "I don't do sugar mama. I'm not taking care of anybody, I want somebody to take care of me! Or at least meet me halfway!"

For all you aspiring cougars, Fox offers a few tips to snag a (young) man.

"Make sure you work out. Make sure you get microdermabrasion, especially once you get over 40 with that sun and skin damage. And definitely have a great bank account," the "Dancing with the Stars" alum says.

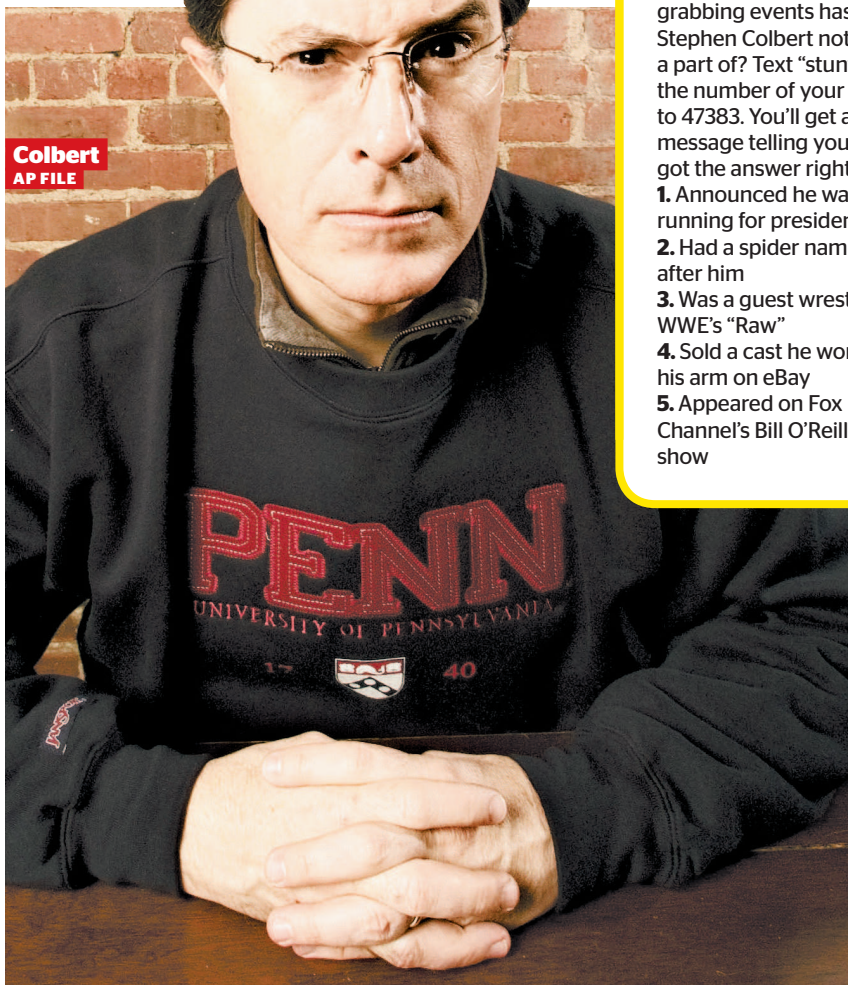
"See, I'm a cougar that likes a young buck that's got the same bank account that I do. I'm not doing any sponsorship programs."

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## Colbertmania

Which of these headline-grabbing events has Stephen Colbert not been a part of? Text "stunt" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a message telling you if you got the answer right.

1. Announced he was running for president
2. Had a spider named after him
3. Was a guest wrestler on WWE's "Raw"
4. Sold a cast he wore on his arm on eBay
5. Appeared on Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly's show



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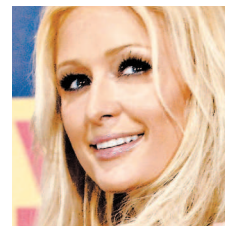
Watch out, Lauren Conrad. Looks like you've got competition in the design department at the Emmys.

"Project Runway" winner Christian Siriano will create a gown for one of the Emmy award trophy girls who hand over Emmy statues to presenters, ABC announced Monday.

He joins "The Hills" star and budding fashion designer Conrad, who ABC already said would design for a trophy bearer.

"It has been so inspiring watching the Emmys every year to see who is going to be the most fabulous diva at the show," Siriano said in a statement from ABC. "It will be such an experience seeing my own creation on stage."

The 60th Primetime Emmy Awards will air Sept. 21 on ABC.



Hilton

## Purity rings: That's hot

Paris Hilton, who has had her fair share of salacious scandals, is speaking out about ... sexual purity.

The heiress defended the Jonas Brothers after host Russell Brand poked fun at their abstinence pledges Sunday at the MTV Video Music Awards.

"I don't pick on them," Hilton told [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com). "That's something cool for a kid to keep, so don't pick on them for that."

The tween heartthrobs reportedly wear purity rings as a commitment to remain virgins until they're hitched.

"I think that they're all really good kids," Hilton said. "And that they're definitely our next generation of kids and they're all really good so I think that's awesome."

## 10 million

Number of copies of Grand Theft Auto IV that have been sold since the video game's release April 29, according to distributor Take-Two Interactive. That puts the game's revenue at more than \$600 million.

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